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United States  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

DATE OF ERECTION

Erected in 1850.

BUILDER

Designed and built by U. S. Army Engineers

PRESENT CONDITION

The foundation and walls are in fair condition. There are a few cracks in the walls and mortar has fallen out in places. The roof framing is in fair condition and is structurally sound. The asphalt roll roofing is in good condition. The windows and door are in poor condition, part of frames missing and badly weathered. The original door has been removed and another door put in, and opening partly boarded up. Plaster on the interior walls has fallen off in many places.

NUMBER OF STORIES

One (with clear story window in southeast elevation).

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION

The foundation and exterior walls are of sand stone originally laid up with adobe mortar and later pointed up with lime mortar.

The stone walls are plastered on the inside with a smooth finish plaster directly on the stone.

The roof framing is not original--it has been redesigned and built up of odds and ends of used material. The roof is covered with asphalt roll roofing on 1" x 12" sheathing. The original roof was covered with earth as noted in a quotation from the Army records of August 2, 1851 "Powder Magazine with stone walls and a strong roof covered with earth."

The door frame is made up of 2" material, with a 6" x 15" wood lintel and 2" x 4" exterior trim.

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There is no window sash remaining at present time and no indication of what type the original was. Two windows have batten doors or shutters on the outside which are probably not original. The sash in the wood framing above the stone wall are of odd sizes and probably taken from some other building and carelessly installed here in recent years when this building was used as a chicken house.

A portion of the southeast exterior elevation has a smooth finish interior plaster which indicates there was an addition or an adjoining building connecting on here.

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